

MINUTES OF GREAT EASTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Monday 19th September 2016 at 7.30pm

Present
Tim Smith (Chair)
Alice Murdock
Vikki Halliday
Margaret Stamp
Lorna Bryant

Apologies
Kay Mitchell
Sally Armstrong

Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed

Matters Arising

All last year's 100 Club fees have finally been collected – we are now ready to embark on 2016/17 collection!

Action All

The Planning Application connected with our Section 106 Submission has been passed but we have, as yet, received no official notification of any allocated funds or the process involved.

The ROSPA report on the refurbished swings has been received – it was suggested that the two large swing seats, chains and pear drops be replaced using the remaining funds from the Church.

Action TS/AM

Quiz and Chips set for Saturday 26th Nov – Chip Van booked – Parish Mag advert needed for October issue

Action AM

Neighbourhood Plan

Tim urged everyone to read the NP and to submit any comments pertinent to the Village Hall

New Cooker

A new range-type dual fuel cooker has been fitted in the kitchen (still awaiting gas supply) which will give greater opportunity for catering at events. Need to purchase baking trays and pans.

Action TS/AM/SA

New Hall Signage

It has been brought to our attention that users from outside Great Easton sometimes find the Hall difficult to locate despite the large rustic sign on the front. Suggestions to be costed include a slate sign with white lettering beside the front door, a projecting sign higher up on the wall and some kind of arrow sign near the centre of the village. The existing sign should be scrubbed (gently!)

Action TS/AM

New Projector and Screen

The Committee agreed the purchase of a decent projector which, with a drop down screen, will provide a very useful facility for local groups holding talks and possible film screenings. Hopefully both items can be permanently secured to the high wooden beams.

Action TS

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Priority List

Tim reiterated the priority list for work/purchase as and when funds become available; to include microwave, replacement of kitchen taps, main floor refurbishment, new chairs, stage curtains, collapsible staging and lobby refurb with new inner hall door.

Meeting Times

All agreed to attempt to find a mutual time during the day for Committee Meetings.

Parish Office Rent Agreement

The initial agreed rental period for the Small Meeting Room being used as a Parish Office is coming to an end. All agreed it was a good use of the space and that a small rental increase would be appropriate. Tim would discuss with the Church Treasurer and come to a suitable agreement.

Action TS

Finance

Vikki reported that our funds were in good health with a current total of £7,812.17 – there has been an increase in weekly classes and bookings for one off events.

AOB

A couple of incidents of young people being noisy and disrupting meetings were reported as well as a name scratched in the fire door paintwork. Decided that the dark nights would soon deter the youngsters. The graffiti will be painted over. Possibly suggest to newly formed Youth Club to raise these issues if they continue.

Action AM

The cleanliness of the Hall was discussed with everyone agreeing that Sally was doing an excellent job – compliments had been received from other Hall users. All agreed that Sally's remuneration should be increased and Tim would discuss this with her.

Action TS

Alice reported on the success of her first Crafternoon – it is to be run as a monthly Village Hall event with all funds going directly to the Hall rather than an invoiced booking.

Lorna mentioned that the gardening crew could do with some help. Alice said this had been offered in the past but she would contact them to reiterate this.

Action AM

Meeting closed at 9.16pm

Date and time of next meeting tbc